Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In regard to nomination for the Legislative Council, no qualifications are laid down. So this rule regarding Panchayats requires modification. During the last budget session, I brought this matter to the notice of the Government, and it was said that the Government would consider the matter, as soon as possible. Even now, in answer to question (c), the Government say that the matter is still under consideration.

President.—For election, tax and some other qualifications are very high, and they cannot ordinarily be complied with. You say that the Government must see that such high qualifications are not insisted upon so that every body may have an opportunity of getting into the Panchayats. This, I think, is what Mr. Mathew is saying.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I have been saying so. For nomination, no tax qualification at all is necessary. Even for nomination to the Legislative Council, no tax qualification is necessary. That rule applies also to Municipalities. Village Panchayats are also important bodies.

President.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Thank you, Sir.

The Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

171. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention what steps have been taken for establishing a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Certain proposals have been submitted, and the matter is engaging the Government's attention.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the proposals submitted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The proposals are several, such as giving medical aid in rural areas, for organising a Central Ayurvedic Hospital, etc.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is only about the Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

President.—What they want is a Central Ayurvedic Hospital. Giving medical aid to rural parts is another matter. The proposal must be that starting such and sush Ayurvedic Hospitals in such and such places of the State will suit our purpose, and such and such preliminary steps have to be taken, etc.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I don't exactly remember what proposals have been made. As regards the starting of an Ayurvedic Hospital, the matter has been referred, as pointed out yesterday, to the Thekkat Elayadath Moosad.

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President.—Then, why do you say that you don't exactly remember what proposals have been made?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Certain general proposals have been submitted to the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the proposals be placed on the table or published in the Gazette?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They are only in the initial stage. Only when they reach the final stage, they will be published in the Gazette.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The proposal was brought into this Council as a resolution, and the Government accepted that. I want to know what proposals have been submitted to the Government in this matter, at what stage it stands now, and what action has been taken.

President.—The Government will supply the information, when the proposals reach the final stage.

Veterinary cases treated.

172. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases treated by each of the Veterinary Inspectors and the number of cases treated in each of the Veterinary Hospitals in the State in the year 1101 and the number of days a Veterinary Inspector was present in the Kunnamkulam Veterinary Hospital in the year referred to?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Please see *Appendix I.*

The Veterinary Inspector was present in the Kunnamkulam Sub-Hospital for 110 days.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the fact that there are as many cases, even more, for treatment in the Kunnamkulam Hospital as in Ernakulam during a year, will the Government be pleased to see that a Veterinary Inspector is appointed for the place, when the number of cases is more than half of what they have got at Ernakulam?

President.—At Ernakulam we have got only 2,000 and odd cases, whereas we have got 3,000 and odd at Kunnamkulam, according to Mr. Mathew's calculation. Is there any objection to appoint a Veterinary Inspector at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The matter has been placed before the Government for orders.

President.—You have recommended for the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Kunnamkulam?

Mr. I .Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—What about Vadakkancheri? I think there is one there who attends also to cases in Kunnamkulam.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—There are a great number of cases in Nemmara also.

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